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1. HIGHLIGHTS. TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY PAPERS MOSTLY
FEATURED DOMESTIC NEWS; TODAY'S PAPERS FEATURE ARAFAT AT
UNGA. COMMENT SCATTERED.

1A. TUESDAY NYTIMES INSIDE HAD INDIA ASKS FULL BAN ON

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NUCLEAR-WEAPON TESTING; BALTSUN HAD MONDALE CAUTIONS US AND

SOVIET; ALSO JACKSON CALLS FOR NEW ATLANTIC COUNCIL;
WASHSTAR STORY SPECULATED ON SOVIET ARMS VIOLATION. WED-
NESDAY PAPERS REPORTED SOVIETS OFFER US FIRMS OIL-FOR-
TECHNOLOGY DEAL; WASHSTAR REPORTED KENNEDY ON SALT.

1B. THURSDAY NYTIMES HAS LISBON, WITHOUT NUKES, MAY QUIT
NATO ATOM PANEL; BALTSUN REPORTS FROM MOSCOW, SOVIET CALLS
OAS CUBA VOTE PYRRHIC VICTORY FOR US.

2. SOVIET ARMS. THURSDAY BALSUN CORDDRY REPORTED FROM
SHREVEPORT THAT MALCOLM CURRIE, DOD DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH
AND ENGINEERING, SPOKE AT THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION'S
SYMPOSIUM ON WAR DETERRENCE ON WEDNESDAY, WARNING THAT
SOVIET TECHNICAL ADVANCES AND MILITARY SPENDING ARE

STAGGERING AND THAT THE COMING YEAR WILL PROBABLY SEE
"THE MOST MASSIVE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW STRATEGIC NUCLEAR
WEAPONS" IN SOVIET HISTORY. CURRIE DISCUSSED DEVELOPMENT
OF THE SS-16, SS-17, SS-18 AND SS-19 MISSILES EXTENSIVELY
CONCLUDING THAT THEIR ADVANCES JUSTIFIED CONTINUING
DEVELOPMENT AND PROBABLY PRODUCTION OF THE B-1 SUPERSONIC
BOMBER, THE TRIDENT MISSILE-SUBMARINE PROGRAM AND
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER NEW US MISSILES, AND
WARNED THAT IF ARMS NEGOTIATIONS FAIL TO HEAD OFF THE
IMPENDING SOVIET MISSILE DEPLOYMENTS THE US WILL HAVE TO
UNDERTAKE A COSTLY EXPANSION OF ITS OWN TO PRESERVE THE
NUCLEAR BALANCE. LEON GOURE, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, ALSO
SPOKE CHALLENGING A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO KISSINGER
DURING HIS RECENT MOSCOW VISIT THAT PEACE IS NOW
"IRREVERSIBLE", ASSERTING THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF NUCLEAR
SUPREMACY IS SOVIET GOAL.

2A. THURSDAY WASHPOST GETLER HAD SIMILAR PIECE ON CURRIE
SAYING SPEECH ATTACKED CRITICS OF INCREASED US SPENDING
ON WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT AND DISCLOSED INFORMATION ABOUT
SOVIET ARMS NORMALLY NOT MADE PUBLIC, IN ATTEMPT TO
RESTORE SOME OF THE PURCHASING POWER DOD HAS LOST
BETWEEN INFLATION AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET-CUTTING.
CURRIE SAID RECENT UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS IN USSR WERE
PROBABLY RELATED TO MORE POWERFUL NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR
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THE FOUR NEW MISSILES THE SOVIETS ARE DEPLOYING. CURRIE
ALSO SAID SOVIETS ARE IMPROVING WAYS TO GUIDE ICBMS
TO THE TARGET MORE ACCURATELY.

2B. TUESDAY WASHSTAR REPORTED AVIATION WEEK HAS PUBLISH-
ED A PHOTOGRAPH IT SAYS WAS TAKEN BY A US SATELLITE
SHOWING SOVIET SUBMARINE BASE NEAR MURMANSK CAMOUFLAGED
TO HIDE CONSTRUCTION OF DELTA CLASS SUBMARINES, STORY

ADDING THE PUBLICATION REPORTED THAT "THE US HAS DETECTED SOVIET EFFORTS TO CONCEAL WITH HUGE CANVAS COVERS CONSTRUCTION SITES" FOR THE SUBS, AVIATION WEEK ADDING THIS IS ONLY ONE OF A NUMBER OF RUSSIAN VIOLATIONS OF THE US-SOVIET STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENT.

3. SENATORS. WEDNESDAY WASHSTAR REPORTED KENNEDY TOLD A NATO COMMITTEE IN LONDON THAT US AND SOVIETS SHOULD STOP NEGOTIATING ARMS CONTROL AT SUMMIT LEVEL AND PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON SALT AT GENEVA, STORY SAYING KENNEDY'S COMMENTS WERE THOUGHT TO BE A CALL FOR REDUCING THE PART PLAYED BY THE PERSONALITIES OF THE LEADERS DOING THE NEGOTIATING IN FAVOR OF INCREASED IMPORTANCE ON THE MERITS OF ARMS REDUCTION.

3A. TUESDAY BALTSUN HAD LONDON AP REPORTING JACKSON ADDRESSED PILGRIMS, CALLING FOR CREATION OF A COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCE MINISTERS FROM OIL-CONSUMING NATIONS TO TACKLE MOUNTING FUEL, FOOD AND FINANCIAL CRISES, SAYING COUNCIL SHOULD DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A STRATEGY FOR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL. JACKSON ADDED TO NEWSMEN THAT COUNCIL IS MORE URGENTLY NEEDED WITH THE THREAT OF A NEW ARAB OIL CUTOFF, ALSO US SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO USE ITS FOOD AID AS A BARGAINING COUNTER TO REDUCE OIL PRICES.

3B. TUESDAY BALTSUN PARKS MOSCOW REPORTED MONDALE CALLED FOR US-SOVIET AGREEMENT TO HALT THEIR EFFORTS TO GAIN A STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE BY DEVELOPING WEAPONS CAPABLE OF DESTROYING EACH OTHER'S NUCLEAR ARSENAL, BECAUSE THIS NEW PHASE OF ARMS RACE SERIOUSLY THREATENS TO UPSET THE DELICATE STRATEGIC BALANCE AND POTENTIALLY TO REVERSE THE PROCESS OF DETENTE. MONDALE CALLED FOR AN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD LIMIT EACH COUNTRY'S FIRST-STRIKE FORCES, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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HE IS EXPECTED TO CONVEY TO BREZHNEV THE SKEPTICAL, RATHER WARY VIEW MANY CONGRESSMEN ARE NOW TAKING ABOUT DETENTE, PARTICULARLY ABOUT NEW LIMITATIONS ON STRATEGIC ARMS. MONDALE BLUNTLY WARNED SPECIALISTS ON SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS THAT DEPLOYMENT OF FOUR NEW SOVIET MISSILES, WHICH APPEAR TO BE ABLE TO DESTROY MOST US LAND-BASED MISSILES IN A FIRST STRIKE, WOULD LIKELY BE MATCHED WITH A STRENGTHENING OF THE AMERICAN STRATEGIC ARSENAL, AND SENATOR EQUALLY CRITICIZED PENTAGON PLANS FOR A STRATEGY THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO DESTROY SOVIET LAND-BASED MISSILES IN A FIRST STRIKE.

4. COMMENT. DISCUSSING NEW CONGRESS ON WEDNESDAY, JOSEPH ALSOP SAID THAT ABOUT THE ONLY REMAINING CONTENT OF AMERICAN LEFTWING THOUGHT IS A STRANGE DEDICATION TO

TEARING DOWN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND DISMANTLING THE LONG ESTABLISHED NATIONAL FOREIGN POLICY, AND IT MAY PROVE HARD TO PREVENT THE NEW DEMOCRATS FROM JOINING THE ATTACK ON THE DEFENSE BUDGET, IN ORDER TO SAVE FAVORITE SOCIAL PROGRAMS.

4A. SUNDAY NYTIMES HAD REVIEW PIECE BY FINNEY HEADED PENTAGON MAY HAVE BEEN TUESDAY'S BIG LOSER, FINNEY SAYING SO LONG AS CONGRESS PURSUES A POLICY OF SOME BUDGETARY RESTRAINT, FUNDS PROVIDING RELIEF TO THE PUBLIC FROM INFLATION CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED BY CUTTING BACK ON DEFENSE. UPON THE COURSE OF THIS DEBATE, SAYS FINNEY, MAY WELL DEPEND THE FUTURE OF SCHLESINGER, WHOSE RELATIONS WITH CONGRESS WILL BE COMPLICATED BY NEW DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY; AND HE IS ALSO BEING SNIPED AT BY SOME PROMINENT OFFICIALS

WITHIN ADMINISTRATION WHO FEEL IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO HOLD DOWN FEDERAL SPENDING THAN TO INCREASE DEFENSE BUDGET.

4B. MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE IN NOVEMBER 10 EDITORIAL ON DEFENSE BUDGET CALLED SCHLESINGER RIGHT IN SAYING DECISION IN FAVOR OF AN ADEQUATE--RATHER THAN THE BEST--DEFENSE SHOULD BE MADE CONSCIOUSLY, NOT BY DEFAULT; BUT SCHLESINGER IS WRONG WHEN HE MUDDIES THE WATERS BY IMPLYING THAT DEFENSE AUSTERITY WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT UNCLASSIFIED

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TO DISARMING AND ACCEPTING SECOND-CLASS STATUS.

4C. IN NOVEMBER 10 EDITORIAL WASHPOST DISCUSSES ARGUMENT OVER NEW NATO COMBAT JETS, NOTES THAT US IS UNDERSTANDABLY ADVISING THE EUROPEANS THAT SELECTION OF AN AMERICAN PLANE WOULD ENHANCE NATO MILITARY CAPABILITY, AND ALSO BE FAVORABLY RECEIVED BY CONGRESS AS A DEMONSTRATION OF ALLIED WILLINGNESS TO UNDERTAKE BURDEN SHARING. POST ADDS THAT EUROPE, UNLIKE PERSIAN GULF, IS EXACTLY RIGHT PLACE FOR US TO BE PEDDLING ARMS, AND EUROPEAN PURCHASES SERVE BOTH ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY AND EAST-WEST STABILITY. KISSINGER

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